

for the purpose of practicing in Huntersville then the county seat of Pocahontas County.

In 1865 Pocahontas was in the ninth Judicial Circuit composed of Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe and McDowell with Nathaniel Harrison as the judge and it was he that appointed Robert Gay Recorder of Pocahontas Co.

During the war no levy was layed as all the able bodied men of the county were in military service and the ones at home were unable to pay therefore no levy was layed.

It was in 1841-1842 when the honorable John Grimes represented Pocahontas County in the Virginia Legislature by a direct appeal ~~XX~~ from the people of the county and it was upon his motion that charters were granted for three Academics in Pocahontas County Hillsboro, Huntersville and Greenbank. The people of the county were hilarious over the fact that they were going to have these Academics and that higher branches of learning could be taught.

The period that followed after the Civil War might be called the reconstruction period of Pocahontas County as the county was very much torn up as West Virginia you might say was the dividing line between the North and the South therefore Pocahontas County was very much torn up in many different ways and this was especially true in her county government for at the close of the war the former county officials were ousted and a new set

officials took over, thereby disrupting the county government and by so doing the efforts of our county officials from the time of first settlement up the outbreak of the war was sacrificed. About the close of the war the county officials were worked very hard as they did not function during the war and many estates had to be settled up when the war closed as many had died and others had been killed upon the fields of battle each side fighting for what they thought was right.

At the close of the war the entire county government was reorganized and starting at this time it was run by a board of supervisors instead of the County Court it was run by in former years, the first meeting of this body was held by a temporary board held at Edray September 24 1865 served from their respective townships as it was called at this time instead of Districts. Peter Grimes was serving from ~~XXXXXX~~ Grant township, George W McKeever for the township of Lincoln and B.N Arbogast from the township of Meade and on motion of a member of that body Peter Grimes was chosen president of that body with George P Moore as temporary clerk. After this a special election was held and James Wanless was chosen county treasurer, Reuben Buzzard was chosen supervisor of Grant Township, Henry H Grimes elected clerk for the township of Grant, L.A Sharp elected treasurer of that township and Daniel McCarty for Justice of the peace, Peter H Grimes as Constable and Peter Buzzard overseer of

the poor for Grant Township. Jonathan G McNeill was chosen supervisor for
 Lincoln Township with A.G Adkison clerk, William Gibson overseer of the
 poor, John Sharp treasurer, Nathan G Barlow Justice, John J Gay Constable,
 the Township of Meade was not recorded at the time but after some cont-
 roversey its choice of county officials were recorded but at a later da-
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The period that followed the Civil War was a very dark one not
 only to the citizens of the county but to our county officials as every-
 thing that could be destroyed was destroyed and so many people had died
 or were killed during the war and their property had to be appraised and
 an administrator be appointed by the county to settle up the estate, the
 overseers of the poor to find homes for orphan and dependant childred as
 many homes were completely broken up as a result of the war.

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